

Faith Formation Resource on the Occasion of Archbishop Tobin's designation as a Cardinal

This catechetical tool has been presented for use throughout the Archdiocese of Indianapolis to provide resources for catechists to seize this teachable moment in the history of the Archdiocese. The objectives are listed by grade level and were taken from the Archdiocesan Religion Curriculum Guidelines. Let us continue to pray for our Archbishop!

Pre-K (3-4yrs.) - K

- **Objectives:**
 - Pre-K – “Priests serve God in a special way.”
 - K – “People in our church community serve God in many ways.”
- **Some ideas:**
 - Share pictures of your parish pastor, Archbishop Tobin, and Pope Francis; Explain that they each serve God in a special way, and Archbishop Tobin is now serving God in a special way as a Cardinal
 - Point out the Scarlet red color as a sign of being a Cardinal
 - Use the *Cardinal and Pope Craft for Catholic Kids* activity
 - Pray for Cardinal Tobin!
- **For discussion:**
 - Does God love us very much? (Yes)
 - How much does God love us? (Spread your arms wide to show how big God's love is)
 - Because God loves us, He sends us good people to lead us in our Church, like our new Cardinal.
 - Let's pray for Cardinal Tobin, and give thanks to God for His love!

Grades 1 - 3

- **Objectives:**
 - 1 – “The Catholic Church is a family of believers.”
 - 2 – “The Catholic Church is a community of Jesus' followers.”
 - 3 – “The church community includes the pope, clergy, religious and lay people.”
- **Some ideas:**
 - Use the *Cardinal and Pope Craft for Catholic Kids* activity
 - Use the *Coat of Arms* activity sheet
 - Pray for Cardinal Tobin!
- **For discussion:**
 - Who are some leaders in our parish? (Pastor, DRE, etc.)
 - Who is the leader of the Catholic Church? (Jesus, Pope Francis, Archbishop Tobin...)
 - Pope Francis has given Archbishop Tobin a new role in the Church as a Cardinal! Do we need to keep praying for him to be a good leader? (Yes)
 - Let's pray for Cardinal Tobin and for all who lead us in our faith!

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Grades 4 - 6

- **Objectives:**
 - 4 – “The Church is made up of people who follow Jesus (apostles, saints, us).”
 - 5 – “The Pope is the leader of the Catholic Church throughout the world.”
 - 6 – “The Pope is the leader of the Roman Catholic Church.”
- **Some ideas:**
 - Watch “How to Become Pope” video; discuss the path to become Cardinal and a Cardinal's important duties
 - Use the *Coat of Arms* activity sheet
 - Pray for Cardinal Tobin!
- **For discussion:**
 - Explain that we all follow Jesus and serve God in different ways
 - What are some things we do to follow Jesus and serve God? (Pray, help others, learn about Jesus...)
 - Explain that Archbishop Tobin has been asked by Pope Francis to serve God as a Cardinal
 - Does Archbishop Tobin need our prayers as he serves God in this way? (Yes!)
 - What are some prayers that we can say for our Cardinal Archbishop? (See *Coat of Arms* Spiritual Bouquet optional activity.)

Grades 7 - 8

- **Objective:**
 - “The learner will be able to understand that the Church is the People of God and the Body of Christ.”
- **Some ideas:**
 - Read and discuss: *FAQs on the College of Cardinals*
 - Use *Coat of Arms* activity sheet
 - Read: *Vestments and Symbols of the Office of the Cardinal*
 - Watch “How to Become Pope” video; discuss the path to become Cardinal and a Cardinal's important duties
 - Use *Prayer for Cardinal Tobin*
- **For discussion:**
 - What mission did Jesus give us before he ascended into Heaven? (The Great Commission, Matthew 28:19-20)
 - Explain that the Church is the People of God and the body of Christ; the Holy Spirit calls forth leaders to shepherd the People of God; Archbishop Tobin has been asked to lead in a special way as a Cardinal.
 - Why do we need different leaders in the Church? (To serve in different capacities and help the People of God to fulfill the Great Commission.)

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High School

- **Objective:**
 - "Explain the role of hierarchy in the life of the Church."
- **Some ideas:**
 - Read and discuss *FAQs on the College of Cardinals*
 - Read *Vestments and Symbols of the Office of the Cardinal*
 - Use *Coat of Arms* activity sheet
 - Watch "How to Become Pope" video; discuss the path to become Cardinal and a Cardinal's important duties
 - Use *Prayer for Cardinal Tobin*
- **For discussion:**
 - Why is the role of the College of Cardinals so important in the Catholic Church? (Advisors to the Pope... Conclave elects next Pope...)
 - Why is it important for all the faithful, including Cardinals, to be open to the Holy Spirit? (The Holy Spirit guides the Church.)
 - How do Cardinals help to fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20)? (They come from many nations and serve many nations; they advise the Pope as he leads the Church as the successor of St. Peter.)

Adults

- **Catechism:**
 - Read the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA), Chapter 11, "The Four Marks of the Church"
- **Some ideas:**
 - Read: *Who Are the Cardinals? & FAQs on the College of Cardinals*
 - Read: *Vestments and Symbols of the Office of the Cardinal*
 - Watch video "How To Become Pope" discuss the path to become Cardinal and a Cardinal's important duties
 - Learn about Archbishop Tobin using his web page online
 - Pray for Cardinal Tobin!
- **For discussion:**
 - Why is the role of the College of Cardinals so important in the Catholic Church? (Advisors to the Pope... Conclave elects next Pope...)
 - Why is it important for all the faithful, including Cardinals, to be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit? (The Holy Spirit guides the Church.)
 - What mission did Jesus give us before he ascended into Heaven? (The Great Commission, Matthew 28:19-20.)
 - How do Cardinals help to fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20)? (They come from many nations and serve many nations; they advise the Pope as he leads the Church as the successor of St. Peter.)

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Resources:

- *Cardinal and Pope Craft for Catholic Kids* (<http://www.catholicicing.com/cardinal-and-pope-craft-for-catholic-kids-make-a-zucchetto/>)
 - Learn about the skull cap that Popes and Cardinals wear; make your own!
- *Vestments and Symbols of the Office of the Cardinal* by the *Catholic Register* (<http://www.catholicregister.org/features/item/13836-vestments-and-symbols-of-the-office-of-the-cardinal>)
- *FAQs on the College of Cardinals* by Rev. Eric Augenstein (<https://cafestisidore.wordpress.com/2016/10/16/faqs-on-the-college-of-cardinals>)
- Video "How To Become Pope" (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kF8l_r9XT7A)
 - Explains how a Pope is elected, including the steps to become a Cardinal
- Article *Who Are the Cardinals?* by the *Catholic Education Resource Center* (<http://www.catholiceducation.org/en/culture/catholic-contributions/who-are-the-cardinals.html>)
 - Explains the role of a Cardinal, including foundations in history and Canon Law
- Archdiocese of Indianapolis (<http://www.archindy.org/archbishop/index.html>)
 - Biographical information about Archbishop Tobin
- Prayer for Cardinal Tobin
 - (See attachment)
- Coat of Arms description (<http://www.archindy.org/archbishop/coat.html>)
- *Coat of Arms* activity sheet
 - Pre-K & K: Color the coat of arms! Make sure the hat / tassels are Cardinal Scarlet!
 - 1 – 3: Color the coat of arms! Make sure the hat / tassels are Cardinal Scarlet! Explain that Archbishop Tobin's motto is "Rejoice in the Lord!" Write "Rejoice" on the coat of arms.
 - 4-6: Color the coat of arms! Make sure the hat / tassels are Cardinal Scarlet! Write the motto "Gaudete in Domino" on the scroll! Explain that it means "Rejoice in the Lord." Use the shield as a space for each student to write their offering for a spiritual bouquet ("I will pray three Hail Mary's for Cardinal Tobin"). Display in the classroom or hallway as a reminder to pray!
 - 7 – 8: Look up the symbolism for the coat of arms. Draw and color in each symbol as it is explained in class.
 - 9 – 12: Look up the symbolism for the coat of arms. Draw and color in each symbol. Write a paragraph explaining the meaning behind each symbol.

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Prayer for His Eminence, Joseph Cardinal Tobin, C.Ss.R.

Merciful God,
who are the source of all that is good,
we give you thanks for your many blessings,
and now we rejoice
that your servant, Archbishop Tobin,
has been named to the College of Cardinals.
As he responds to this deepening of his call,
assure him of the support of God's holy people,
and strengthen him to be fearless in his witness
to the Gospel;
to stand with the suffering, the weak, and the poor;
and to lead us by his example in his service of God
and the Church.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Name: _____

Coat of Arms Activity Sheet

